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18 Apr 74MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Net Assessment  
Office of the Secretary of DefenseSUBJECT: Intelligence Support During the Middle East  
Crisis of October 1973

Andy:

1. Thank you for sending along a copy of your memorandum of 18 April on the above subject. As you know, we have given considerable thought and study to the community's performance during the Middle East crisis, and have produced an interim post-mortem on the subject which was circulated. We are continuing to review the matter, however, to draw from it lessons which might be useful for the future. Your memorandum will be a very useful input to this process, which I have asked [ ] to follow up on.

2. I was particularly interested in your comments about the Watch Committee. I have a similar feeling that this Committee's efforts have become somewhat patterned and that a new look might be made at it. I think in terms of a regular projection of political and economic as well as military problems lying ahead. In fact, I think that broadening the Watch function can bring about a greater focus on early strategic, especially political, warning so as to generate counteraction and eliminate the necessity to face military problems further downstream. I have asked [ ] to make contact with the various elements of the community now looking at the warning process, to include the NSSM 242 exercise, some work by Dr. Hall, (ASD(I)), and some work within the various elements of the intelligence agencies themselves. Your thoughts will be useful in connection with this effort, and we will be in touch with you.

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby

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Report from Andy Marshall's  
Office on Middle East Crisis

## Summary

1. This is easily recognized as the one-man post-mortem of the Middle East crisis by Captain George Pickett, USA, on Andy's staff. The problem really isn't in Andy's bailiwick anymore and Captain Pickett has overstated his case rather badly in several places.
2. I do not recommend a detailed response to this memorandum, rather a polite thank-you and an indication that it has been referred to the post-mortem people as an input.
3. Attached is a memorandum to that effect from the DCI to Mr. Marshall. Recommend your signature.

  
Lieutenant General, USA  
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Attachment

  
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